

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A method and apparatus for semantic qualification and contextualization of
5 electronic messages. In one embodiment, electronic messages are enriched with
semantic qualifiers to provide contextualization of the messages as well as to
facilitate semantic based searching, and post-processing of the electronic
messages. In one embodiment of the invention, a given electronic message and/or
its constituent content elements may be contextualized through the provision of one
10 or more semantic qualifiers to convey a single meaning or compound meanings. In
one embodiment, the semantic qualifiers may be automatically (i.e. without further
user input) associated with one or more content elements based upon e.g. one or
more identified contexts, whereas in another embodiment the semantic qualifiers
may be manually associated with one or more content elements through e.g. user
15 input.